



## Bill Baker

May 16, 1945 - June 25, 2020

Bill Baker passed away June 25, 2020 in Dallas. Bill was born May 16, 1945 in Carthage Texas, to the late Arthur Lee and Julia Margaret Dean Baker. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Anne Hammer and brothers: Robert Baker, James Baker and Tommy Baker.

He graduated from Marshall High School in 1963 where he was an All-American athlete, earning a Football Scholarship to Austin College in Sherman. Bill was also an accomplished athlete in other sports and was selected as All-American in both basketball and track.

Bill met the love of his life, Kathy, through a mutual friend in May of 1987, and in November 1993, they were married at the office of Justice of the Peace, Ken Blackington, in Mesquite. His mom Julia, older brother, Robert, and Robert's wife, Faye, were in attendance. After the ceremony, Bill and Kathy went to Lake Tahoe for their honeymoon. The first of many trips they would take in their life together.

Bill moved to Terrell in 1985 and became very active in Kaufman County, serving as Kaufman County Republican Chair for 7 years, where he was integral in helping with numerous elections. He also served as Past President of Terrell Rotary Club, on the Terrell Planning and Zoning board and several charity organizations. He and his wife were also very involved in a Lake

Pointe Church and Life Group.

Bill had a successful career with the Teamsters. He eventually retired in 1995, as a business agent after 31 dedicated years and having earned the respect and trust of so many who had the chance to work alongside him.

Bill was very involved with his family, always there to offer support and guidance whenever needed. He is survived by his wife Kathy Baker; children: Barbara Parlett and husband, David, Kimbrly Crawford, William Baker, Heather Conner and husband, Steven; grandchildren: Scott Crawford, William Parlett, Joseph Parlett and wife Madilyn, Joseph Langley, Cameron Conner, Nicholas Baker, Brody Conner, Blaze Baker and William Baker. Bill was the patriarch of the Baker family, with many nieces, nephews who loved and respected him and will miss him dearly, along with the many friends that he made during his lifetime of serving others. He leaves a legacy of strong faith, the belief in what is right and the hope for a better world.

\*\*\*\*At the request of the family, services will now be private. There will be a Memorial Service scheduled for a later date. The family appreciates your understanding.\*\*\*\*

In lieu of flowers the family asks memorials be made in Bills name to Pregnancy Resource Center [www.yourpregnancycenter.org](http://www.yourpregnancycenter.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Bill Baker*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - July 03, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *Bill Baker*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Bill and I were friends from childhood. He was dedicated to family and friends and was as open and honest a person as you could ever meet. I'm going to miss Bill. Thanks for the positive impact on everything he touched. Rest well Bill (and I doubt you will). A life well done.*

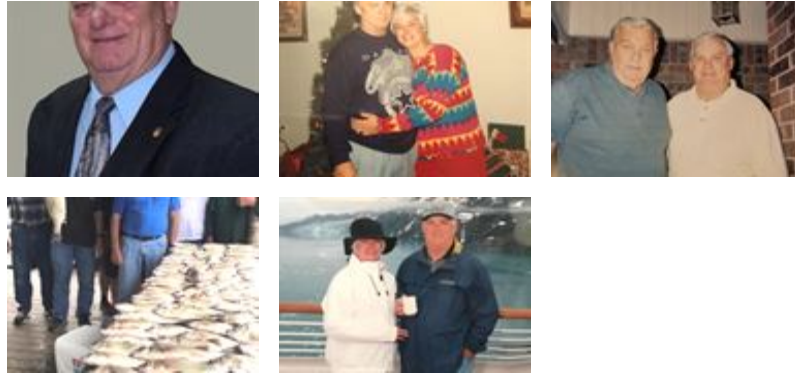
*Jim Burnett  
Marshall High Class of '63  
Pearland, TX*

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**Jim Burnett** - July 09, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ 123 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - July 03, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Kathy. Bill was such a dear person and I know he will be missed greatly in our community. Rest in Peace Bill. Lauren Johnson*

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**Lauren Johnson** - July 01, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *Bill Baker, What can tell you about Baker.He was a Loyal Teamster and my friend. When anyone was in need of help he was the First to step up to the plate. He has gone but he will not be forgotten. Rest in Peace My Friend. R.J.(Joe) Canales*

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**Joe Canales** - June 30, 2020 at 10:14 PM

HC

“ We haven't known Billy as long as some of you, but it didn't take long to see from his life that he loved his Lord, his wife, his family and all of us. We feel a heartbreaking loss along with his family. Praying for all of you and asking God to wrap his arms around you and hold you close during this time. Love, prayers, and hugs to the Baker Family.

*Horace and Lana*

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**Horace Crow** - June 30, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JO

*My husband and I have known Bill and his wife for a few years, but we loved them as if we had known them for a lifetime. We found out only today that he had passed away. (went home to be with the Lord.) We are going to miss him at our meetings, he was a very important part of our group. May your faith in God sustain you and your family in your grief.*

*In Christian love:  
Joe and Dixie Oxendine*

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**Joe and Dixie Oxendine** - August 27, 2020 at 05:00 PM

DL

“ Our condolences to Kathy Baker and the Baker family.  
*David and Joyce Lewis.*

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**David Lewis** - June 29, 2020 at 06:10 PM

TF

“ The Stone Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Bill Baker.



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**The Stone Family** - June 29, 2020 at 02:47 PM

RJ

“ Rhitt Jackson purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Bill Baker.



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**Rhitt Jackson** - June 29, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bill Baker.



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June 29, 2020 at 02:09 PM

TS

“ With much sorrow The Stone Family will miss Billy Baker as he reunites with those friends and family who have preceded him. Billy Baker has been a friend of The Stone Family for 50+ years, throughout our family's celebrations, triumphs, and tragedies.. The Stone Family history cannot be told without mention of The Baker Family.

Even as tears form while I write this, I realize that there are not enough words or space to describe the joy and laughter Billy Baker has brought to our family. If ever called upon, Billy was there.. Rock Solid support of anything requested.

While Billy has left many behind who will miss him, I am comforted with the thought that he is leaning on The Gates of Heaven, reunited with those who preceded him.

Yes- Billy Baker, TC Stone, Alan Stanford, and others are using "not so heavenly language" to say "They better leave the lights on passed closing time this week"..

*A great man, a great father, and the greatest friend of our family.*

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**Travis Stone** - June 29, 2020 at 01:21 PM

EC

“ Bill's passing was a total shock. He was a dear friend and wonderful neighbor. He will be missed by all.

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**Everett and Valerie Chisolm** - June 29, 2020 at 01:12 PM

WS

“ What a Man. He was a Very Loyal Teamster and Very Loyal to his Friends in the Teamsters. He will be missed by all that knew him. Rest in Peace My Friend.  
W C (Willie) Smith.

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**W C Smith** - June 29, 2020 at 11:58 AM

MO

“ *Julio and I were so heartbroken when we heard of Bill's passing. He was such a Godly and faithful servant of our Lord Jesus. We will miss you dearly, Bill. Sending love and prayers for the whole family.*

Mary Kay and Julio Olivo - June 29, 2020 at 11:21 AM

TM

“ *Gary and I are devastated to hear of Bill's passing. What a GREAT man. What a GODLY man. What a FRIEND to ALL. He will be missed beyond words.*

Tina Millican - June 28, 2020 at 05:48 PM

LC

“ *Mr. Baker a great godly man who help anyone in the time and he he never met a stranger that he can talk politics with we truly going to miss him Miss Kathy you're in my prayers I love you Lisa C*

Lisa C - June 28, 2020 at 03:26 PM

FK

“ *Praying for your family.*



Frank and Elaine Kasper - June 28, 2020 at 03:17 PM

BB

“ *Knew Bill through Rotary and politics. He was a great guy.*

Bruce Bryant - June 28, 2020 at 12:54 PM

JY

“ I know Mr. Bill through his son/wife and from our politics group on FB. He truly loved our Country and County. It was nice to interact with him and in our Group.

RIP Mr. Bill Baker 🇺🇸



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**Julie Young** - June 28, 2020 at 12:09 PM

BE

“ Bill was a wonderful person and a great friend through Terrell Rotary Club.  
I'm so sorry for his family and know you will miss Bill greatly.  
God bless you through these difficult times.  
Bill Efeney

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**Bill Efeney** - June 28, 2020 at 11:51 AM

MS

“ When I first arrived in Terrell in 2008, I was surprised that some came up to me and asked if I was related to Jim Sims. That somebody was Bill Baker. I did not know him at the time but Bill had worked years earlier with my Dad and it was quite wonderful meeting a friendly face in Terrell. Bill always gave me a laugh and hospitality. Moreover, it was great to have someone my Dad's age to chat with about my Dad and some shared background. God Bless the Baker family.

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**Mike Sims** - June 28, 2020 at 11:27 AM

SH

“ To Kathy and all of Bills family:

*We are so sorry to hear of Bills passing. We know you are grieving the loss of Bill. Our hearts go out you the whole family at this difficult time. We are praying for your comfort.*

*Bill was a great man that I really looked up to. He always asked me how I was doing, how are you feeling, how is your knee doing, and was always thinking of others. He was a true Conservative American patriot! We used to talk about politics all the time. Anytime I wanted to know about a particular race, he was always informed. I really valued his opinion.*

*Bill was a Godly man and a Christian leader in our class. I will always remember that booming voice as he read the scriptures every Sunday. His comments were always welcomed by our class members. We will really miss Bills input.*

*Please know that you are in our prayers at this great time of loss. I know heaven rejoices as the gates open up for Bill. He will be sorely missed.*

*Love,  
Steve & Shirley Hawkins*

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**steve Hawkins** - June 27, 2020 at 06:52 PM

DL

“ *Bill Baker was such a blessing to our Life Group. His knowledge of the Bible, and his reading of the scriptures every week was a blessed addition to our class. He was loved by all. We will miss his annual fish fry, and Valentine Day party he always organizes. Our loss is definitely heavens gain. Till we meet at Jesus feet.*

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**Debbie Lewis** - June 27, 2020 at 05:49 PM

SB

*Our house....our class.....all are destroyed to hear about Bill ( Billy,as we knew him). He was one of the good guys. Always smiling, football stud. Forever in our hearts. He is one of God's own angels. Our deepest most profound sympathy to Kathy and his whole family. God bless.*

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**Sue and Dick Boyd** - June 27, 2020 at 09:14 PM

DL

*We are so sorry to hear of this great loss for so many of us. Bill was such a dear friend...loyal, trustworthy, funny, and memorable in ways that honored all who were privileged to know him. Please be assured of our thoughts and prayers.....that God may wrap His loving arms around his family to grant them healing, comfort, and peace during this very difficult time. Sincerely, Deacon and Ann Lewis*

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**Deacon Lewis** - June 28, 2020 at 11:43 AM

KV

*My sincere condolences to you, Kathy, and all the family. I saw and appreciated Bill's dedication to serve, and willingness to respond when called upon. I trust you will lean on Jesus, feel the presence of the LORD, and be comforted by the sweet Holy Spirit. ~ Karen Vess*

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**Karen Vess** - June 29, 2020 at 10:14 PM

VC

“ *Bill and Kathy have always been an important member of our Life Group. Bill was always willing to read the scriptures and share his belief. We will miss him so much. We were so shock when we heard of Bills's passing. God be with his family.*

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**Viki Cornelius** - June 27, 2020 at 05:01 PM

TP

“ *The Parnells lit a candle in memory of Bill Baker*



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**The Parnells** - June 27, 2020 at 04:03 PM

JG

“ *Bill was such a kind and giving gentleman. Terri and I were blessed to have Bill and Kathy as next door neighbors when we lived in Terrell.*

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**Jim and Terri Geeslin** - June 26, 2020 at 11:02 PM

HR

“ *Hal and Christi Richards purchased the Treasure d Lilies Spray for the family of Bill Baker.*



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**Hal and Christi Richards** - June 26, 2020 at 09:59 PM